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American Fern Society

Plans are on foot for a meeting of the Society at Pittsburgh in December, in connection with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Information can be obtained from the Curator.

The Society has received word of the death at London, on August 8th last, of Mr. Charles T. Druery, Secretary of the British Pteridological Society, editor of the British Fern Gazette and since 1900 a valued member of the Fern Society and an occasional contributor to the JOURNAL. Biographical details are not available at present: but readers of the *Fern Bulletin* and the JOURNAL in past years do not need to be told that Mr. Druery's chief interest was in growing ferns and perpetuating their forms, and that he sometimes had scant sympathy with those who found occupation and pleasure among the dead things of the herbarium. He had published several books, the best known of them, perhaps, an elaborate descriptive work on British ferns and their many named varieties and forms.

The Horticultural Society of New York has undertaken to establish a fund to be devoted to the replanting of the orchards in the war-devastated regions of France. This fund will be distributed through the American Red Cross and the Société d'Horticulture de France. Contributions are especially solicited from all interested in botany and horticulture and may be sent to Mr. George V. Nash, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx Park, New York City.

The Judge of Elections, Mr. H. C. Bigelow, reports the reëlection of the present officers at the annual election. The full text of his report will be printed with the annual reports in the next number of the JOURNAL.